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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0758

3.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, CU, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET AND CUBAN OFFERS TO VISIT DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR)

1. ACCORDING TO TWO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN ANTANANARIVO, FIDEL CASTRO CONTACTED MALAGASY GOVERNMENT DURING HIS RECENT SWING THROUGH AFRICA TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ADDING MADAGASCAR TO HIS ITINERARY. HE WAS APPARENTLY POLITELY TOLD THAT IN VIEW OF ELECTIONS THEN TAKING PLACE, TIME WAS NOT OPPORTUNE.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE OF ABOVE SOURCES, SOVIET UNION HAD ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PODGORNYY VISITING MADAGASCAR DURING HIS RECENT AFRICAN TRIP. THIS APPROACH HAD ALSO BEEN POLITELY TURNED DOWN.

3. TWO SOURCES CITED ABOVE MAY BE REFERRING TO ANOTHER SINGLE  
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SOURCE. IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL TO ME THAT EITHER SOVIETS OR CUBANS WOULD HAVE WANTED TO SPEND TIME IN MADAGASCAR DURING THEIR RECENT TRIPS. WHILE THIS ISLAND UNDOUBTEDLY HAS POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC INTEREST, IT IS ONLY marginally INVOLVED IN THE BURNING ISSUES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NOT AT ALL IN THE CRISIS IN THE HORN. BARRETT

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